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## YEA YANKS! FIGHT 'EM! FIGHT 'EM!

### CAPT. H. B. BRITTON GIVES INTERESTING TALK TO STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL CHAPEL

We may well appreciate the talk given us by Captain Britton on "real warfare." His words surely came home to us as others might not have done. A clearer picture of modern warfare which is all based on scientific thinking was given to us. The "deaf and dumb" code which is used by the United States army for signalling the man who carrys the bayonet where he shall set his rifle range to obtain the best results, is all Greek to us but it can be readily seen how such a code might be used to the greatest advantage. A better picture of curtain fire, which is the result of scientific thinking was also given to us.

Among other things Capt. Britton said: "The watches of the artillery and those of the trench men are set exactly the same. Command is given the artillery to start a curtain fire bombardment, at a certain time. Command is also given the trench men to attack at a certain second. Orders are obeyed. Artillery fire begins at the set time and the trench men go "over the top" at the set time, advancing closely behind the artillery fire. Command for "further range is given to the artillery, and the infantry keeps close behind the fire. Soon they are near the enemie's trenches when the artillery ceases and the infantry takes the enemy by surprise. Many die but the attack becomes fatal." Thus may be seen the scientific warfare.

Captain Britton says the Kaiser must be beaten and he will be beaten!

## Mr. Morris Receives News Of His Brother's Death

Mr. Morris received word Tuesday of the sudden death of his brother Herbert W. Morris, who was working in London. Death was very sudden but no particulars have been received regarding it.

He had worked for several years in Mexico, both in the railroad business and the oil industry. His work was in the interest of Lord Cowdry, an Englishman well known in the world of politics, in the Anglo-Mexican Petroleum Ca. Mr. Morris was in New York when asked to fill the place of one of the London men who was to join the army. Knowing that he himself could never hope to join the army because of his broken down health, he volunteered to go. This was practically suicide, but he went willingly and worked there until his death. While his family grieves over his death they cannot help but feel proud of his spirit of self sacrifice and patriotism.

## TEAM WORK

The Red Cross Goes Wherever the Flag Goes. Your Membership Fee Will Help the Good Work Along.

## YEA! YPSI HIGH! YEA! YPSI HIGH!

### $408.18 HANDED IN FOR Y. M. C. A. FUND AND THE REST WILL BE TURNED IN FEB. 1

The total handed in by students of Y. H. S. so far is $408.18. This is a record to be proud of. The remainder of the money which is to be handed in will be forwarded on Feb. 1, 1918. Ninety per cent of the students in High School volunteered for this fund, and everyone that paid had the spirit of sacrifice brought nearer home than ever before. There were several original ways of earning the money. One girl sold popcorn, another washed the kitchen walls, still another earned hers by knitting. The ways the boys took were mostly husking corn, raking leaves, and hundreds of odd jobs that boys can find. The people who have not yet paid must do so before Feb. 1, when the complete fund is to be sent away.

## P. L. S. Hold Meeting On December 13

The P. L. S. held a regular meeting in Room 221, Thursday evening, Dec. 13, at 7:00 o'clock. The roll call was answered by war items. Several very interesting ones were given. The program consisted of the life of Wagner, told by Gertha Williams, and some of his best known selections were played on the Victrola. No eats this time.

## SUCCESSFUL? WE THINK SO!

### SOPHOMORES HOLD THEIR FIRST PARTY AND LARGE CROWD OF STUDENTS TURN OUT

"Was the Sophomore party a success?" was the question asked Monday morning, and the very emphatic answer was, "I should say so! Everybody had a good time."

That is the way we Sophomores all feel about our party, for everyone there had a delightful time. Some say that High School parties are always couple affairs, but this party was decidedly the opposite. There was great improvement in some of the so called "raggers." Full particulars about the recovery will be furnished by Cathryne Hutton or Arthur Moore.

The lunch room was very prettily decorated, thanks to Fred Hopkins, in purple and white, the class colors. The results were far better than the noises issuing from the 5th hour Friday warranted.

The programs and tickets were in purple and white also. As was foreseen, there were a great number of Freshmen there also, so the animal crackers which were served with the animal ice were very appropriate.

The orchestra took a large part in the success of the party. Miss Roberts was Friday night as she usually is, loyal to the Sophomores, and chaperoned the party.

## BASKET BALL PRACTICE STARTED

### FRESHMEN LEAD OTHER CLASSES IN HAVING THE MOST OUT AND WILL MAKE SHOWING

Dean Briggs will be in time to help the Juniors carry away the cup in base ball as he will be able to do without his crutches in about two weeks—in time to limber up for the spring season, but there is little or no hope of his participating in any of the basket ball events.

Fritz Wolters has his coat sleeve over his arm but he is out of basket ball for this season.

**Freshmen Lead in Pep Displayed**

The Freshmen lead in the number of men on the basket ball field, 13 being out for the game on the first day. A. Perrine, R. Perrine, G. Emery, C. Canfield, M. Wiadr, A. Gotz F. Williams, H. Shepherd, C. Lynn, C. Alban, A. Benedict, H. Allen, and F. Worden will shoot baskets for the Freshmen.

The Juniors come next with Bill Hansor, Hill Jefferson, Bill Hayes, H. Holmes, C. Whitney, Don Reiman, D. Osbourn, Pee Wee Harris, and Rastus Cooney, promised to be in uniform next Wednesday.

The Seniors come third with four Hopefuls in Art Moore, F. Matthews, H. Sample, and Ev. Lyons.

The Sophs have displayed less pep than any other class and so far have put only two men on the floor, O. Gale, and Clayton Olds.

Ruth Scovill has organized the girls' basket ball teams, and inside "dope" has it that the Soph girls will carry off every game this year.

A group of hockey enthusiasts may organize a team and challenge Ann Arbor. The boys intend to practice nights on the mill race and Saturdays will hold a regular practice on Wienberg's Rink at Ann Arbor. The team will be made up of Ypsi High students.

**"Beware the Fury of a Quiet Man"**

"I understand" quoth Uncle Sam,
"There's a war across the sea,
Some of my foreign neighbors
Have lately called on me.
I guess I'll join the game,
So deal me out a hand—
I'm going to risk my stack of chips,
And bac that plucky band.
Just pass me a few billions,
And sound the bugle note;
Get out your popguns; kiss your girls;
Put on a khaki coat.
The air planes and the navy,
Will give my boys fresh air;
We're feeling strong and cheerful,
And we mean to do our share.
I love the 'Dove of Peace," said he,
"But when folks raise a row,
Your Uncle means to stop it, and
**The time has come RIGHT NOW."**

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## WHAT $100,000,000 HAS ACCOMPLISHED

Since the War Fund raised last June became available the Red Cross has sent commissions to France, Russia, Italy, Roumania and Salonica.

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We are carrying on repair work in devastated towns.

We have sent 3,000,000 pounds of milk for Russian babies.

We have given $1,000,000 to the families of sick and wounded French soldiers.

We have given $1,000,000 to the British Red Cross.

And we have only just begun

Help to carry on the work by enrolling during the Christmas membership drive.

### O. U. Hoover!

My Tuesdays are meatless;
My Wednesdays are wheatless;
I am getting more eatless each day.
My home it is heatless;
My bed it is sheetless,
They're all sent to the Y. M. C. A.

The barrooms are treatless;
My coffee is sweetless;
Each day I get poorer and wiser.
My stockings are feetless;
My trousers are seatless;
My! How I do hate the Kaiser!

Cabel Gray, the author of this little poem, surely struck it right. It is said that high government officials halted important work to smile over it.

## LE BAVARD
(The Babbler)

High School night at the Baptist Church was well attended by our students. The unfortunate group of Senior girls that was late, paid the penalty of sitting on the first row under the personal supervision of Supt. Arbaugh. All, however did not share in this unhappy fate, and enjoyed themselves and those around them to the greatest extent.

An unsuspecting individual was studying (?) in study hall 5th, when a lasso descended over his head and began to tighten alarmingly. The originator of this cruel scheme is unknown, but he probably will be sufficiently punished by the pangs of a guilty conscience.

Note: There have been complaints that this column was too much the property of Seniors. The Chat Box is as much for this as for Free Speech and Jokes. When you hand in contributions please mark them "For Le Bavard." Make the column as full of Freshman pranks and foolishness as of Senior. Here is one contribution:

A Sophomore girl, who was very much in earnest, approached the library desk. "Miss Hoffman did Patrick Henry have only one eye?" Miss Hoffman was astonished. "Why, not that I know of. Where did you get that idea?" "Why, it says in this speech of his, 'I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and this is the lamp of experience.'"

Captain D. Y. Dunn, who has finished his training at the Officers' Training Camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison, made a short stop in Ypsilanti last week, while on his way to Camp Custer where he takes charge of a company. Captain Dunn had charge of the commercial work the latter part of last year and we were all disappointed when "this war business' kept him from returning this year.

**Take the Head of the Class Please**

Below are some answers taken from examination papers of candidates for teacher's positions at a certain University in New England. We're not so ignorant after all:

"The skeleton is what is left after the insides have been taken out and the outside has been taken off."

"A circle is a round, straight line, with a hole in the middle."

"The stomach is just south of the ribs."

"A blizzard is the inside of a hen."

"A vacuum is a large, empty place where the Pope lives."

"The alimentery canal is located in the northern part of Indiana."

The government of England is a limited mockery."

"A permanent set of teeth consists of eight canines, eight cuspids, two molars, and eight cuspidors."

"Grovitation is that if there were none should fly away.—Ex.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Antagonized to law;
Who never to himself hath said,
"I'd like to bust the Kaiser's head
And smash his royal jaw!"—Ex.

**Member S. P. C. A.** (to brutal driver): "No, my friend. I won't shut up. Your poor horse, unfortunately, cannot speak like Balaam's ass, but I would have you know sir, that I can."—Ex.


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## SEGREGATION IS DISCUSSED

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS IN FAVOR OF MEASURE BUT SENATE FAILS TO SEE IT**

The House of Representatives have decided that for the good of the school the boys should be seperated from the girls. Reps. Hayes and Wilber from the suffraget party aided by Lewis and M. Moore from the Democratic party maintained that it is a great disadvantage for the girls to be in the same class with the boys, because the girls have proved to be superior to the boys in intelect and promptness. The negative produced evidence which proved both of these theories to be mere assumption with no foundation but the majority of the House thought they could get more knowledge in High School if segregation was in force.

The Senate proved to be just the opposite in opinion but the House is so greatly convinced that this bill should be enforced that a delegation is to be appointed to go to the Senate and induce them to pass the bill.

The Socialist party decided to change their party into a Suffraget party. This caused the Republicans to lose several of their members who are strong suffragets.

## FREE SPEECH DEPARTMENT

There has been a request by the mothers of some of the girls in school that High School parties let out earlier. When one of our schoolmates doesn't get home from a party until quarter past eleven we will agree that they should stop earlier. However, those who went to the Sophomore party will remember that the music stopped at 10:00. Perhaps such a late return was the fault of the slippery walks or the clock at home. Let us not blame it on the High School rules nor on the escort.

**Miss Lewis** (in cooing): "Did you wash that fish before cooking it?"

**Grace B:** "What's the use? It's been in water all its life."

**Dick Thomas:** "Well mother, I got two sixes, a five and a two."

**Mrs. Thomas:** "What did you get two in?"

**Dick:** "Two half days absent." Hasty exit.

It's an ill wind that blows from the Chemistry lab.


**Martha Washington Theatre**

Thursday, Dec. 20—Anne Murdock in "The Beautiful Adventure" 5 parts. Roscoe Arbuckle in "Oh Doctor," a comedy in 2 parts.

Friday, Dec. 21—Clara Kimball Young in "The Easiest Way," 8 parts. Pathe News.

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# TEACHERS' STORY TELLING HOUR

## UNDER LEADERSHIP OF MISS BARBER THEY ENJOY PERIOD IN THE LUNCH ROOM

An unusually pleasant story-telling hour was enjoyed by the teachers and a few guests Monday evening, Dec. 17, in the lunch room.

Under direction of Miss Barber the room had been transformed into a real living room with two fire places, made cheerful by a bright glow within; a Christmas tree, on which the candles gleamed, and many added touches, showing the busy work little fingers have been doing this holiday season.

The program carried out was adapted to the room and made each one present feel that Santa Claus is really coming nearer every day. The voices of children afar, singing the Christmas carols floated into the room. Mr. Arbaugh read from the Bible the story, so old yet ever so new, of the Christ Child. Mrs. Wyckoff told how the little gray spider, thru his efforts to see the Christmas tree, finally succeeded in leaving his permanent trace over it, in the golden threads we notice on the tree today.

Two solos, one from "Hansel und Gretel" by Humperdinck, the other "Holy Night", sung by Mrs. Gray, who was accompanied by Professor Alexander, were especially appreciated. After this Mrs. Clayton took everyone one a delightful trip to Santa Claus' home, bringing each safely back and dropping him in his own warm bed, and Miss Adams led each one to feel a personal interest in the dear little tree that at last reached the stars.
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The program completed, a very informal good time was enjoyed by all. This good time took on the nature of "eats" first, and very good "eats" they were too, as you will realize when told those delicious little cakes were prepared by the girls in the domestic science department under Miss Lewis' able guidance; and then of visiting, knitting, or dancing, according to individual tastes. So the evening closed, leaving a pleasant memory for all.

**Characteristics**

Freshman—Grass
Sophomore—Sass
Junior—Gas
Senior—Class

**Senior** (at parting): "I am indebted to you for all I know."
**Professor:** "Oh, don't mention such a trifle."—Ex.

A man filling out his naturalization papers answered the first three questions as follows:
Name: Abe Kolinsky
Born: Yes
Business: Rotten.—Ex.

# HONOR ROLL

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George McKay, '07
Carl Wirth, '07
Charles Cleary, '08
Arthur Lathers, '08
Allen Sherzer, 08
Glenn Arnold, '10
George Becker, '10
Ray Cotton, '11
Albert Lewis, '11
Wilbur Poe, '11
Lee Bangart, '12
Alfred Harvey, '12
Willis Bellows, '13
Stanton D'Ooge, '13
Lamar Kishlar, '13
Malcolm McGregor, '13
Lewis McLouth, '13
Edward McRay, '13
Neil Gardner, '13
Orlo Robinson, '13
Philip Boyce, '14
Lawrence Brown, '14
Earl Freeman, '14
Theodore Jefferson, '14
Wm. Proctor, '14
Russell Seymour, '14
Frank Webb, '14
Mills Wilber, '14
Benjamin Eddy, '15
Russell Reader, '15
Clarence Ponton, '16
George Beranek, Ex. '18
Alton Miller, Ex. '18
Robert Bringloe, Ex. '18
Harry Hubbard, '14
Nat. Hopkins, '14
John Woods, '14
Louis Wolters, '16
Alfred Wortley
Henry Gilmore

The Honor Roll is necessarily incomplete. We hope to make it as complete as possible and welcome additions to it. Students, please cooperate and help us bring it up to the minute.

A young man who had been traveling in Canada told this story:

"I went to bed and put my watch under my pillow, as is my custom. In the morning when I awoke I found my watch had stopped, and of course, I opened it to see what was the matter. In it I found a bed bug. Upon telling the landlord I asked how the bug got there and he said: "It must have gotten in between the ticks."

**Mr. Ross:** "What is a translucent body?"
Ans. "One that can be seen thru dimly."
**Mr. Ross:** "Give me an example."
**Donna:** "Physics."

**Egotism**

**Orlo G.** (having killed a lady's pet dog): "Madam, I will replace the animal."
**Indignant Owner:** "You flatter yourself, sir."

When we look at Don M. we always think of that old hymn, "How Firm a Foundation."

"Tom" Thumm was the lucky student who put us over the top in the Y. M. drive for $400 by Friday, Dec. 14. The fund stood $399.47 when he presented the $2.00 that saved the day.

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## Shenemonetong Camp Fire Has Busy Time

The Shenemenetongs are so busy that their reporter has not even had time to write up the news. Mrs. Morris has given up the guardianship of our Camp Fire, and we are all sorry, for we appreciate all that Mrs. Morris has done for us. However we are glad to welcome Mrs. Wheeler as our new guardian. When she told us she would take charge of us we felt inclined to give an Indian war whoop, but didn't of course, as we wanted to make a good impression.

We certainly have exciting meetings. Two weeks ago, we decided to have a party, and of course a hot discussion followed immediately, in which we almost forgot to keep parliamentary order. We were surprised to see how many man (or rather boy) haters there were in our Camp Fire.

We decided to read a story each week at our meetings while we knit, but some of the girls find it hard to sit still. Even Alice gets fidgety.

We wish to compliment our president on the splendid way in which she is carrying on our meetings, and from her knowledge of Parliamentary rules, and judging by her report card, we are beginning to suspect that she studies the rule book at night instead of her lessons. Excuse us, Armina.

The knitting is progressing splendidly. Fern had quite a time with hers at first, perhaps because she used Armina's wash cloth as an example.

We are proud that so many of our members turned out for the class party. Three of our members were on the committee, which of course accounts for the artistic decorations. We Shenemenetongs believe in combining school and Camp Fire spirit, and I believe we are succeeding.

**Oh You Iona Bond**

We like the beautiful brunette,
We don't dispise the winsome blond;
But best of all the girls we've met
Is little Miss Iona Bond.
—Springfield News.

"You're under arrest," exclaimed the officer with chin whiskers as he stopped the automobile.

"What for?" inquired Mr. Morris.

"I haven't made up my mind yet, I'll just look over your lights, and your license, and your numbers, and so forth. I know I can get you for something."

## EXCHANGES

"The Bulletin" Stubenville, Ohio. We are glad to see the "Bulletin" again this year. The contents of your paper deserve a better setting. Could you not make a more attractive by using better material? The cover adds much to a paper's appearance. You are generous with your cuts.—we like "Contents." Your service list is remarkable. Why not aim for more unity in the general layout of the paper? The monthly calendar is a good idea. Please do as you are done by and help find the faults in our paper. Come again.

"Rayen Record" Youngstown, Ohio. Your November cover design is fine, It gives the whole paper "tone", tho it is not dependent on the cover for its general goodness. It is full of interest from cover to cover. Your boxes sent to Champigny certainly brought gratifying results.

"The Eh Kah Nam", Walla Walla, Wash. You are more than ordinarily interesting to us as we hear of Miss McKnight, a former teacher in Y. H. S. thru you. Your "Once-Over" of the Faculty in the November issue is interesting. Your literary department is good and your general make-up shows thought.

We are always glad to receive "The Almanian", Alma College; "The Polytechnic", Troy, N. Y; and "The Normal News". These being college papers we scarcely feel ourselves able to comment on them. We are very glad to see them however, and feel a special interest in "The Normal News" as the editor, John Hubbard, is a former editor of the "Ypsi-Sem" and a graduate of Y. H. S.

**Miss Roberts** (History): "Herbert, who prompted you then? I distinctly heard someone whisper the date."

**H. Sample:** "Excuse me, but I expect it was history repeating itself."

**Mr. Walpole:** "Now, we will represent the moon by my hat."

**Dean C.:** "Is the moon inhabited?"

**Frances T.:** "Pardon me for walking on your feet."

**Donald M.:** "Oh, that's all right. I walk on them myself you know."

**Freshie:** "Seniors aren't what they used to be."

**Indignant Senior:** "Well, what did they used to be?"

**Freshie:** "Why, Freshies, of course"

**Rat:** "Are you going to the party Friday nite?"

**Fritz:** "Yes I'm going to take tickets."

**Rat:** "What's her first name? Does she go to Y. H. S.?"

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